

Early Years Key Messages

May 2022

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Ofsted EY2 and EY3 Forms

Providers must ensure that all necessary EY2 and EY3 forms are completed and submitted to Ofsted for individuals connected with the registration and changes to individuals. If Ofsted do not have the correct information about individuals connected with the registered provision, it will result in the provider receiving a “Required Improvement” or an “Inadequate” inspection judgement.

Ofsted Inspection Gradings

If you are inspected by Ofsted, please let the local authority know your grading outcome after their visit and you do not need to wait until the inspection is published before you do this. It is especially important that you notify the local authority if you receive a judgement of either “Requires Improvement” or “Inadequate” as soon as possible. Please contact Carol in Families Information Service on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk or 01609 533483 who will then liaise with other colleagues on your behalf.

Health Protection Guidance

From 1st April, all COVID-19 education guidance changed. You should now consult UKHSA’s ‘health protection in schools and other childcare facilities’ guidance for advice on managing specific infectious diseases, including COVID-19: [Health protection in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-education-and-childcare-settings). Updated national guidance can be found here [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection)

[including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk), which includes guidance on children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19. Please continue with your key infection prevention and control measures that will help to manage the spread of infection and use a risk-based approach to manage specific incidents. For notifications of infectious disease, outbreaks and environmental hazards Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, phone the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA - previously PHE) on 0113 386 0300. Outside of these hours phone 0151 909 1219.

EYFS Statutory Framework – Suitable People

Please ensure your systems enable compliance with EYFS Statutory Framework with regards to Suitable People (2021 3.9 – 3.13). A written record should be kept as evidence that the appropriate check has been made with reference to 3.10 “An additional criminal check (or checks if more than one country) should also be made for anyone who has lived or worked abroad” [Criminal records checks for overseas applicants - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

What to expect in the EYFS document

Please remember that, if you choose to use the “What to expect when in the Early Years Foundation Stage” document (formerly “What to expect when”) with parents or if it is available on your setting’s website, it must be the revised version. The link to this is [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk)

A Celebratory Approach to Working with Children with SEND – Giving additional support in the Early Years document

If settings were using the “A Celebratory Approach to SEND assessment in the Early Years” document to support children who require additional help or children with SEND, please ensure that you are now using the revised version of this. The link to this is [A-Celebratory-Approach-to-Working-with-Children-with-SEND-FINAL.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk)

Families arriving from Ukraine

As families are arriving from Ukraine, if you would like a welcome letter explaining about early years, government funding and an information sheet in either Ukrainian or Russian, please contact FIS on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

If you have children from Ukraine whose birth dates fall between 1/9/2017 – 31/8/2018, they will be eligible for a place in a Reception class from September. As the date for online applications has passed, the family will need to submit a paper application. Please contact the School Admissions team on School.Admissions@northyorks.gov.uk and they will make the necessary arrangements with the family.

Summer born children – deferred Reception place in school

The family of a child who is summer born, i.e. born from 1 April to 31 August, may request that their child’s admission to school is delayed until September after their 5th birthday. If you have a family who is considering delaying their child’s admission to school, please contact the School Admissions team on School.Admissions@northyorks.gov.uk to make them aware of the situation. Please also ask the family to contact the Schools Admissions team directly.

Summer Term Early Years Leaders’ Forums

The Summer term early years leaders forums are now available to book on NYES. The forums will be held on Teams:-

Course code: SI-0622-T018 - Wednesday, 29th June 2022: 1900 – 2100 hrs

Course code: SI-0622-T019 - Thursday, 30th June 2022: 1330 – 1530 hrs

During the forum, one of the updates will be from the Health Improvement Manager regarding young children’s health.

The NYSCP website

The NYSCP website is constantly being updated with new or updated safeguarding guidance and documents. A recently added document is [Safe Sleep for Babies Practice Guidance](#) which is a multi-agency risk minimisation guidance. This supports EYFS Statutory Framework 3.60 (footnotes 60 and 61).

Updated education guidance- Covid-19

Updated education guidance relating to Covid-19 available. Attachments 1 and 2.

Early Years SENCo network meetings – May 2022

Please ensure your SENCo attends one of the meetings arranged for the summer term. If you are a childminder, you are your setting's SENCo. Dates and times for the FREE Early Years SENCO network meetings in May - Attachment 3.

Sunscreens – nut allergy awareness

We have been made aware that some sunscreens have almond oil or other nut based oils in the ingredients. Please ensure that any children with a nut allergy who attend your setting are not exposed to any sunscreens which could trigger an allergic reaction.